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SUBJECT: MULTI-REGIONAL PROJECT ON FOOD SYSTEMS

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1. POST NOMINATES TRAIAN NEGRUTIU FOR FOOD PROJECT, BUT REQUESTS DEPT CONSIDER HIS NOMINATION PROVISIONAL PENDING FINAL EVALUATION OF CANDIDATE'S ENGLISH PROFICIENCY. UNABLE TO APPEAR FOR TWICE-SCHEDULED ALIGU TEST, NEGRUTIU WAS FINALLY INTERVIEWED BY TWO EMBOFFS, WHO RATE HIS SPEAKING AND COMPREHENSION AT ROUGHLY S-2 AND HAVE ONLY HIS WORK THAT READING ABILITY IS HIGHER. BUT THERE IS REASON FOR OPTIMISM BECAUSE NEGRUTIU ACQUIRED SOLID FOUNDATION IN LANGUAGE DURING ONE YEAR STAY IN U.S. TEN YEARS AGO AND ONE MONTH VISIT AGAIN IN 1971 AND KEEPS ABREAST OF AMERICAN LITERATURE IN HIS SPECIALTY. SINCE HE HAS LITTLE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK LANGUAGE REGULARLY, CANDIDATE'S ENGLISH IS UNDOUBTEDLY RUSTY AND SHOULD ACHIEVE S-3 LEVEL ONCE HE BEGINS DAILY ENGLISH CLASSES AT MINAG, WITH SUPPLEMENTARY INSTRUCTION WE CAN ARRANGE AT AMERICAN LIBRARY. IF DEPT WILLING TO ACCEPT PROVISIONAL NATURE OF NOMINATION, EMBASSY PREPARED TO TEST NEGRUTIU AGAIN BY APRIL 30 FOR FINAL RECOMMENDATION. OTHERWISE, EMBASSY CANNOT ENDORSE CANDIDATE ON BASIS OF PRESENT LANGUAGE EVALUATION. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST.

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2. BIO DATA: NEGRUTIU BORN SEPT. 26, 1924 IN BUCHAREST, HAS WIFE

AND TWO DAUGHTERS, AND RESIDES AT DRUMUL TABERE 29 IN BUCHAREST. ATTENDED FACULTY FOR VETERINARY MEDICINE, UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST AND HOLDS DOCTOR'S LICENSE IN VETERINARY SCIENCE. HIS PRESENT POSITION IS DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL LABORATORY FOR FOODS CONTROL IN MINAG, WHERE HE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR TESTING FOOD FOR DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION AND EXPORT. EARLIER HE WAS SEC GEN OF VETERINARY DEPT OF MINAG, AND SINCE 1972 HAS ALSO SERVED AS ADVISOR TO HEAD OF FOOD INDUSTRY DEPT OF MINAG FOR MEAT, FISH, DAIRY PRODUCTS, SUGAR AND HYGIENIC PRODUCTS. NEGRUTIU HAS PUBLISHED MORE THAN FORTY BOOKS, ARTICLES AND DISSERTATIONS CHIEFLY ON ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, INCLUDING WORK ON "NEW ASPECTS OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY IN THE U.S." HE HAS VISITED IN OFFICIAL CAPACITY 17 COUNTRIES IN EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA. HE SPENT ONE YEAR IN THE U.S. IN 1964/65 ON EXCHANGE WORK PROGRAM ON FARMS NEAR COLUMBUS, OHIO; AMES, IOWA, EAST LAC8,&, MICH.; SPRINGDALE, ARK.; AND NORRIS, ILL. HE RETURNED FOR ONE MONTH IN 1971 TO VISIT LABORATORY PRODUCING ANTI-MAREK VACCINE FOR POULTRY IN CAMP DAVIS, CAL.

3. PROGRAMMING SUGGESTIONS: EMBASSY BELIEVES NEGRUTIU CAN MAKE CONTRIBUTION IN HIS SPECIALTIES OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND FOOD CONTROL DURING WASHINGTON DISCUSSIONS AND WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE IN AMES. BUT WE FEEL HE CAN BENEFIT PARTICULARLY FROM EXPOSURE TO BROADER PERSPECTIVE OF WORLD FOOD PROBLEMS AND BE IN POSITION ON RETURN TO INFLUENCE THINKING AMONG KEY MINAG OFFICIALS HERE. NEGRUTIU HAS KEPT UP CORRESPONDENCE WITH FARM FAMILIES HE LIVED WITH IN 1964/65 AND WE RECOMMEND HE BE SCHEDULED TO RENEW ACQUAINTANCE WITH AS MANY OF THEM AS POSSIBLE DURING OPTIONAL PERIOD OF GRANT. POST WILL FORWARD NAMES AND ADDRESSES ASSP, ONCE NOMINATION CONFIRMED. FOR EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, NEGRUTIU IS SPORTS BUFF AND WOULD WELCOME OPPORTUNITIES TO SEE BASEBALL AND SOCCER GAMES. BESIDES PLAYING SOCCER HIMSELF, HE HAS ALSO BEEN GRECO-ROMAN WRESTLER AND LOOKS IT. OTHER INTERESTS INCLUDE JAZZ AND LIGHT MUSIC AND STAMP COLLECTING. ON BASIS OF SINGLE INTERVIEW, NEGRUTIU APPEARS TO BE EASY-GOING AND SHOULD PRESENT NO DIFFICULTIES FOR PROGRAMMERS, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF EARLIER FAVORABLE IMPRESSION OF U.S.

4. WILL AWAIT DEPT REPLY TO PARA 1 ABOVE BEFORE PROCEEDING FURTHER.

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